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REPLY TO
 ATTENTION OF PAO

June 17, 1997

Dear Interested Party:

You have the opportunity to meet and speak personally with the commander of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Jacksonville District next week in Lee and Collier counties.

Colonel Terry L. Rice, Jacksonville District Engineer, is actively seeking the advice and counsel of area citizens and business professionals to help determine how Southwest Florida community leaders might equitably balance environmental concerns with commercial development in your area. Because the issues and opinions surrounding a Programmatic Environmental Impact Study (PEIS) for Southwest Florida are many and diverse--and can have far-reaching effects--Col. Rice wants to know what you think about this vital issue.

At three separate meetings scheduled for Monday and Tuesday, Col. Rice will be providing important information and analysis for commissioners in both Lee and Collier counties, and to members of the Governor's Commission for a Sustainable South Florida.

You are invited and encouraged to see his informative presentation at any of those public forums and then to meet with him personally afterwards to share your thoughts and opinions. The colonel's presentation will be on the agendas at the following meetings:

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| Monday afternoon (6/23)
(1:30 PM) | Lee County commissioners meeting in the Old Court House, 2120 Main Street, Fort Myers |
| Tuesday morning (6/24)
(10 AM) | SW Working Group meeting of the Governor's Commission for a Sustainable South Florida at the Calusa Nature Center & Planetarium, 3450 Ortiz Ave., just off I-75 at Exit 22 in Lee County |
| Tuesday afternoon (6/24)
(1 PM) | Collier County commissioners meeting in the county government complex at 3301 E. Tamiami Tr. in Naples. |

Accompanying Col. Rice in this information exchange effort will be members of State partner agencies including the Florida departments of Environmental Protection, Community Affairs and, Agriculture, along with the Game & Fresh Water Fish Commission, the South Florida Water Management District and the Southwest Regional Planning Council. These representatives will also be available to answer your questions or listen to your comments.

We sincerely hope you will be able to attend at least one of the listed meetings and to continue to actively participate in the dynamic future of Southwest Florida.

If you wish to receive news and/or information updates from this office regarding this important issue, please phone (904) 232-2235, or simply write to us and have your name and address included in our Southwest Florida PEIS mailing list.

Sincerely,


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